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## Retired Veteran Loses Fight for Job

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District Court Judge Matthew T. McGuire ruled yesterday that the Veterans Preference Act does not apply to Government workers involuntarily retired.

In refusing to order the reinstatement of John J. Murphy, 63, a World War II veteran retired from his time-keepers job at the New York port of embarkation, the judge said the veteran's act is not applicable to retirement.

Judge McGuire said the law only applies to cases of dis-

charge, suspension, furloughs without pay, reduction in rank or compensation or disbarment from future appointments.

Murphy was retired from his \$3500 per year job in May, 1954, for physical disability. He claimed he was never told the nature of the disability except that the Board of Appeals and Review of the Civil Service Commission said he was suffering from a nervous disability.

Assistant United States Attorney Frank H. Strickler told the court during oral arguments

on May 4 that the CSC need not tell an employee involuntarily retired for disability the nature of the disability.

The judge agreed with Strickler, basing his decision on a recent opinion of the United States Court of Appeals.

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